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# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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August 23, 2005

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

### **ACCEPTANCE OF PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTS SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 2, 3, 4, AND 5 3 VOTES**

#### **IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

Ratify changes in work and accept completed contract work under the following construction contracts:

Project ID No. FCC0000802 - Los Angeles River Laurel Canyon Greenway, vicinity of Studio City (3), Nativ Engineering, Inc., with changes amounting to a credit of \$41,229.14, and a final contract amount of \$802,013.66.

Project ID No. RDC0013377 - Williams Avenue, vicinities of Compton and East Rancho Dominguez (2), Griffith Company, with changes amounting to a credit of \$12,143.40, and a final contract amount of \$468,824.63.

Project ID No. RDC0013953 - Sierra Highway, vicinity of Palmdale (5), Asphalt Construction Co., Inc., with changes amounting to a credit of \$5,557.30, and a final contract amount of \$137,418.20.

Project ID No. RDC0014236 - Aviation Boulevard, Cities of Manhattan Beach and Redondo Beach (4), Griffith Company, with changes amounting to a credit of \$45,496.01, and a final contract amount of \$686,262.48.

### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

This action is to obtain Board ratification of the Director-approved changes in public works contracts and Board acceptance of the work of the contracts in compliance with the provisions of the Public Contract Code. Included in the enclosures are project and contract data, the scope of work of changes to be ratified, and the work of the contracts to be accepted.

The Director of Public Works has been authorized by your Board to order changes in work up to \$10,000 for construction contracts. Changes to accommodate field conditions in order to meet the intent of the plans and specifications are not subject to this monetary limitation. Enclosed for your ratification are changes in work which I ordered for Project ID Nos. FCC0000802, RDC0013377, RDC0013953, and RDC0014236.

The projects have been completed, and it is recommended that your Board accept them on the dates indicated in the enclosures.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The acceptance of these construction contracts is consistent with the County Strategic Plan Goal of Service Excellence since acceptance of these completed contracts will provide improved infrastructure to better serve the public.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The modifications to the contract amounts range in value from a credit of \$5,557.30 to \$45,496.01, while the total values of the contracts range from \$137,418.20 to \$802,013.66.

Ratification of the changes in work and acceptance of the work of the respective contracts by your Board is in compliance with the acceptance and prompt payment provisions of the Public Contract Code.

Sufficient funds are available in the Board-approved appropriations for each of the respective projects to cover the costs of the changes and the total value of each of the contracts. Detailed cost breakdowns for each of the changes together with contract cost summaries are included in the enclosures.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

Each of these contracts for the construction of public works improvements was awarded by your Board to the lowest responsible bidder in accordance with the California Public Contract Code, your Board's directives, and as recommended by the Director of Public Works.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

The changes in the work as described above and in the enclosures are within the limits of the Board-approved projects and do not change any conditions which resulted in the original environmental findings.

### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

Each contract provided that the contractor be compensated for changes in the work as a result of changes to the original plans and specifications or changed conditions encountered during the course of construction. The costs of each of the changes were based on contract unit prices, time and materials, or were negotiated under the provisions of the contract specifications. The methods for arriving at the final costs of the changes are included in the enclosures.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

Ratification of the requested changes and acceptance of the work of the contracts by your Board will ensure the timely closeout of the respective contracts, releasing Departmental and County assets for other construction-related activities.

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**CONCLUSION**

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD L. WOLFE  
Director of Public Works

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cc: Chief Administrative Office  
County Counsel  
Office of Affirmative Action Compliance

## ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT

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PROJECT ID NO. FCC0000802, LOS ANGELES RIVER LAUREL CANYON  
GREENWAY (in the vicinity of Studio City), Supervisorial District 3

Contractor: Nativ Engineering, Inc., 6650 Reseda Boulevard, Unit No. 120,  
Reseda, California 91335

### Project Description:

Planting of trees, shrubs, and ground cover; construction of curb ramps, driveways, walkways, masonry retaining walls, slough walls, a drainage swale, a stairway, fencing, and metal hand railings; installation of an automatic irrigation control system; and other appurtenant work.

### Changes in Work:

(1) Premium Overtime	\$ 3,477.26
(2) Compensation for Delay Time	12,000.00
(3) Credit for Snake Body and Construction of Snake Wall	(47,000.00)
(4) Decrease of Decomposed Granite and Additional Crushed Aggregate Base	<u>(9,706.40)</u>
Total	(\$ <u>41,229.14</u> )

### Description of Changes:

(1) In order to complete the main items of the project before the opening ceremony, the contractor was required to work extended hours. The agency agreed to pay the contractor the premium overtime rate in the amount shown.

(2) During construction, the contractor discovered a reinforced concrete box culvert that conflicted with construction of the retaining wall at the west end of the project. The agency decided to redesign the Laurel Canyon entrance and this resulted in delays to the contractor.

(3) The architect modified the design of the snake wall to be constructed with river rocks instead of precast concrete.

(4) To meet the intent of the design, it was necessary to decrease the amount of decomposed granite and increase the compacted aggregate base.

The cost for Item 1 was based on time and materials as provided in Subsection 3-3 of the contract specifications. The costs for Items 2 through 5 were negotiated as provided in Subsection 3-2 of the contract specifications.

No additional working days were required because of these changes.

Project Completion Date:

The contractor completed the project on May 17, 2005, in accordance with the plans and specifications. The delay in forwarding this letter to your Board was due to the length of time required for the contractor to furnish the documentation necessary to close out the contract.

Final Contract Amount:

Original contract amount	\$797,948.00
Actual costs of changes in work previously approved by the Board	45,294.80
Changes in work authorized by the Director of Public Works	<u>(41,229.14)</u>
 FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT	 <u>\$802,013.66</u>

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PROJECT ID NO. RDC0013377, WILLIAMS AVENUE (in the vicinities of Compton and East Rancho Dominguez), Supervisorial District 2

Contractor: Griffith Company, 12200 Bloomfield Avenue, Santa Fe Springs, California 90670

Project Description:

Reconstruction of roadway pavement; construction of curb and gutter, sidewalk, driveways, curb ramps, alley intersections, concrete slough walls, and cross gutters; removal, root pruning, and planting of parkway trees; and installation of striping and pavement markings.

Changes in Work:

Variations in Bid Quantities (\$12,143.40)

Description of Changes:

The original contract amount is based upon estimated quantities of the various bid items. The contractor is paid based upon actual quantities used. The decrease in contract price reflects the net adjustment due to variations between estimated bid quantities and actual quantities. The costs for these changes were based on contract unit prices.

No additional working days were required because of these changes. However, the contractor was granted an additional 69 working days to complete the relocation of fences, gates, and brick walls and to allow for utility relocations.

Project Completion Date:

The contractor completed the project on February 28, 2005, in accordance with the plans and specifications. The delay in forwarding this letter to your Board was due to the length of time required by the contractor to furnish the documentation necessary to close out the contract.

Final Contract Amount:

Original contract amount	\$408,091.60
Actual costs of changes in work previously approved by the Board	72,876.43
Changes in work authorized by the Director of Public Works	<u>(12,143.40)</u>
 FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT	 <u>\$468,824.63</u>

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PROJECT ID NO. RDC0013953, SIERRA HIGHWAY (in the vicinity of Palmdale),  
Supervisory District 5

Contractor: Asphalt Construction Co., Inc., P.O. Box 1187, Lancaster, California 93584

Project Description:

Resurfacing and reconstruction of roadway pavement and the installation of striping and pavement markings.

Changes in Work:

Variations in Bid Quantities (\$5,557.30)

Description of Changes:

The original contract amount is based upon estimated quantities of the various bid items. The contractor is paid based upon actual quantities used. The decrease in contract price reflects the net adjustment due to variations between estimated bid quantities and actual quantities. The costs for these changes were based on contract unit prices.

Project Completion Date:

The contractor completed the project on May 26, 2005, in accordance with the plans and specifications. The delay in forwarding this letter to your Board was due to the length of time required for the contractor to furnish the documentation necessary to close out the contract.

Final Contract Amount:

Original Contract amount	\$142,975.50
Changes in work authorized by the Director of Public Works	<u>(5,557.30)</u>
<b>FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT</b>	<b><u>\$137,418.20</u></b>

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## ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT

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PROJECT ID NO. RDC0014236, AVIATION BOULEVARD (Cities of Manhattan Beach and Redondo Beach), Supervisorial District 4

Contractor: Griffith Company, 12200 Bloomfield Avenue, Santa Fe Springs, California 90670-4742

### Project Description:

Resurfacing of roadway pavement, reconstruction of curb and gutter and sidewalk, construction of curb ramps and bus pads, and modification of traffic signals.

### Changes in Work:

(1) Variations in Bid Quantities	(\$44,683.84)
(2) Traffic Signal Changes	<u>(812.17)</u>
Total	(\$ <u>45,496.01</u> )

### Description of Changes:

(1) The original contract amount is based upon estimated quantities of the various bid items. The contractor is paid based upon actual quantities used. The decrease in contract price reflects the net adjustment due to variations between estimated bid quantities and actual quantities.

(2) At the request of the City of Manhattan Beach, various traffic signal items were deleted from the contract. This resulted in a credit to the contract in the amount shown.

The costs for Item 1 and a portion of the cost for Item 2 were based on contract unit prices. The balance of the cost for Item 2 were based on time and materials as provided in Subsection 3-3 of the contract specifications.

### Project Completion Date:

The contractor completed the project on February 9, 2005, in accordance with the plans and specifications. The delay in forwarding this letter to your Board was due to the length of time required for the contractor to furnish the documentation necessary to close out the contract.

Final Contract Amount:

Original contract amount	\$595,600.40
Actual costs of changes in work previously approved by the Board	136,158.09
Changes in work authorized by the Director of Public Works	<u>(45,496.01)</u>
 FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT	 <u>\$686,262.48</u>

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